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12. [] JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the Chairman would like to have a followup briefing by the Director on the situation in the Middle East early next week. After checking with the Director's office, the briefing was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, 23 October. Slatinshek will try to give us final confirmation later in the day when Chairman Hebert returns from the floor.

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13. [] - JGO) In a chance meeting with Representative Jamie Whitten (D., Miss.) I had a rather extensive discussion and rehash of points made by Whitten during yesterday's budget briefing by the Director. Whitten was very favorably impressed by Mr. Colby and his presentation.

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14. [] - JGO) Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and made an appointment for 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for Charles Briggs, D/PPB, and myself to meet with him on certain reductions in the Agency budget. Preston told me that he had talked to [] earlier in the afternoon and if [] is prepared to meet with him at the same time on the community items, he would like to have him join us. Messrs. Briggs and [] have been advised.

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15. [] JMM) At the request of Senator William Scott, I met him in his office and briefed him on the current Middle East situation following the general lines of Mr. Colby's briefing this morning before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Scott said he was deeply disturbed about the danger of U.S. involvement and wanted to say something on the floor pointing out the risks we were running by providing military support to the Israelis. I explained that this was a problem for the policymakers and something the Agency was in no position to comment on.

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16. [] - JMM) Accompanied the Director and Messrs. [] who briefed the full House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Middle East situation. See Memo for Record and transcript.

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17. [] - JMM) Lunched with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed with him the outlook for our legislative problems in the Senate.

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